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1.	Patna	3864
2.	Ranchi	57
3.	Sasaram	425
4.	Chapra	410
5.	Dhanbad	50
6.	Hazaribagh	232
7.	Muzaffarpur	37
8.	Saharsa	—
9.	Munger	90
10.	Darbhanga	464
11.	Katihar	35
12.	Dumka	90
13.	Bhagalpur	166
14.	Motihari	115
15.	Arrah	120
16.	Jamshedpur	1596
17.	Gaya	274
	Total	8025

Financing of Renewable Energy Development Programme

2600. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank is encouraging private companies to finance renewable energy development in countries like India and Indonesia to build global carbon markets to contain environmental changes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c) The World Bank under it's Photovoltaic Market Transformation Initiative (PVMTI), has proposed to finance through its private sector window, International Finance Corporation, projects in India, Kenya and Morocco to accelerate the development and commercialisation of Photovoltaic (PV) technology for carbon abatement. A grant of US$ 30 million has been approved by Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the first phase of the project, out of which US$ 15 million have been earmarked for projects in India. International Finance Corporation (IFC) is to finance the projects directly to private sector. Government of India has already endorsed the initiative.

In addition, a World Bank assisted "India Renewable Resources Development Project" is under implementation through Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency to finance Wind Power, Small Hydro Power and Photovoltaic Projects in the country. The World Bank has sanctioned a loan of US $ 115 milliion from International Development Association and a grant of US$ 26 million from GEF for project. The project is scheduled to be completed by December, 1999.

Expansion of Sri Chitra Thirunal Hospital

2601. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any expansion programme for Sri Chitra Thirunal Hospital, Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum has envisaged a number of expansion programmes in its Ninth Five Year Plan for its Hospital Wing. The programmes include new initiatives in cardiology, strenthening of interventional cardiological programme, the establishment of a Paediatric Cardiac Unit, Upgradation of Vascular and Thoracic Surgery Unit, Epilepsy Care Programme, Neuromuscular Disorders, Speech, Language and Cognitive Disorders Unit, replacement of X-ray equipment with image intensifier and television system and Non-invasive vascular laboratory, digitisation of Radiology Unit, upgradation of MRI facilities, etc.

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Relaxation to Private Power Producers

2602. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the projects in Maharashtra and National Capital territory of Delhi wherein the private power producers are proposed to be given relaxations;

(b) whether any directions have been issued by the Union Government to the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The policy of Government of India on the development of private sector power projects is equally applicable to all projects. No relaxations are proposed to be given to the independent power producers setting up projects in Maharashtra and the National Capital territory of Delhi.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Introduction of Palace on Wheels between Mumbai and Goa

2603. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation has taken a decision to introduce "Palace on Wheels" luxury train between Mumbai and Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said luxury train is proposed to be operated by a private party;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the terms and conditions of the agreement signed between the Konkan Railway Corporation and the said private parity?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Konkan Railway has no proposal of introducing a 'Palace on Wheel' train. However, a tourist train between Mumbai and Goa is planned.

(b) The tourist train is proposed to be a daily service between Mumbai and Goa to cater principally to foreign and domestic tourist traffic. The train is proposed to have two classes viz. Executive A.C. Chair Car and General Chair Car and other pantry and dining facilities.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The party under consideration is M/s. Patil Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd., belonging to Patil Group of Industries with its Corporate Head Office at 205 & 206, 2nd Floor, Amarchand Sharma Complex, S.P. Road, Secunderabad. However, they have failed to deposit the security deposit within the stipulated period and the matter is under correspondence.

(e) The terms and conditions of agreement signed between M/s. Patil Tours & Travels (P) Ltd., and Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., are enclosed as Statement

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1. The entire cost of construction, procurement of rake including spares will be borne by the operator.

2. The Corporation shall provide all facilities necessary for operation of train, such as track, signalling, station premises, locomotives, telecom, train crews, access to and from platform, halt/stabling facilities at stations, watering and maintenance facilities.

3. In case of accidents involving the operation of Luxury train, the corporation shall provide all emergency services as is normally made available for any other train. However, the cost incurred on this account as computed by the Corporation will be reimbursed by the operator.

4. The overhauling of coaches, and associated equipments will be done by the operator at his own cost.

5. The operator will be responsible to provide all services and amenities to passengers of Tourist Train, such as catering on board as well as on ground, house keeping, including provision of linen, Air-conditioning, drinking water, special lighting and others including telecom facilities in working order.

6. The operator shall be solely responsible for his contractual and statutory obligations towards passengers under the consumer protection act or any other law that is applicable.

7. The operator shall make his own arrangement for designing, printing and selling of tickets directly or by appointing agents in India or abroad. The tariff of the package tour shall be fixed by the operator.

8. The operator shall be responsible for maintenance of interior furnishing and security of the train.

9. The operator shall pay to the Corporation every month an amount calculated at 12% of gross monthly payment. In addition the operator shall pay to the corporation haulage charges @ Rs. 2.80 lakhs for long trip between Mumbai and Goa. The haulage charges will be subject to revision bianually by the corporation.

10. The operator shall comply with the payment of Wages Act 1936, Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition Act 1936), Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition Act, 1970) and Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition Rule,' 1971)

11. The corporation reserves the right to suspend the services or terminate the agreement without notice and without any compensation for :

(i) persistent default in payment.